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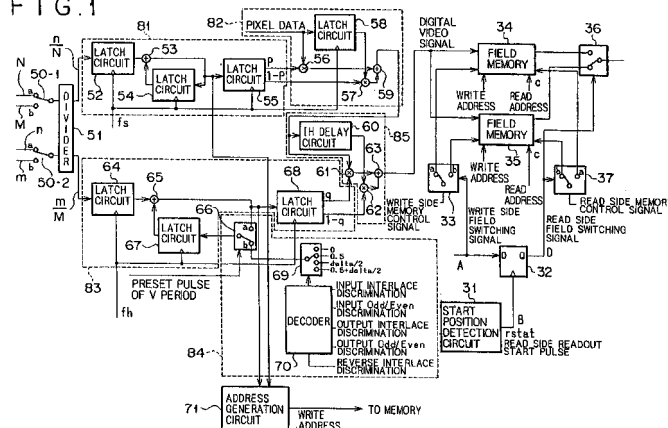
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(54) **Image processing apparatus, method and providing medium**

(57) The invention provides an image processing apparatus and method as well as a providing medium by which deterioration of the vertical resolution is prevented and conspicuous appearance of line flickering is suppressed. In order to convert an interlaced video signal having 525 scanning lines into another progressive video signal having 525 scanning lines while maintaining the image size, in an odd-numbered field, a line after conversion is offset by 0.5 H (H is the distance between horizontal scanning lines of the inputted video signal). Consequently, pixel data of each line O_i are produced

from pixel data of two lines li and $li+1$ before conversion. As a result, pixels of a line on the boundary between white pixels and black pixels have a gray color. In an odd-numbered field, no offset is given, and pixel data of each line li of the field before conversion are set as they are as pixel data of each line Oi of the field after conversion. The pixels of the line on the boundary between the white and black pixels become white or gray pixels, and consequently, when compared with an alternative case wherein such pixels on the boundary line are white and black pixels, line flickering is prevented from being observed conspicuously on a display screen.

FIG. 1





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